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For PARALLEL REACTOR WITH INTERNAL SENSING AND METHOD OF USING  
SAME

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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

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Application No. 09/548,848, filed April 13, 2000, which is a

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-162 without prejudice to  
patentability and enter the following new claims.

163. A parallel reactor for simultaneously processing  
a plurality of reaction mixtures, said reactor comprising

vessels for containing the reaction mixtures, and

multi-piece spindles for stirring the reaction mixtures in  
the vessels, each multi-piece spindle comprising a metal upper